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SUMMARY: EURATOM PAPER TRANSMITTED REFTEL A, RHETORIC ASIDE
CONFIRMS TO GREAT EXTENT REPORT REFTEL B OF ROMETSCH'S SUMMARY
OF RESULTS OF JULY 19 MEETING. EURATOM PAPER ADDRESSES
POINTS WHICH ROMETSCH SPECULATED EURATOM WOULD ATTACH
AS CONDITIONS UNACCEPTABLE TO IAEA, BUT IN SOME (BUT
NOT ALL) CASES EURATOM PAPER AVOIDS SUCH POSITIONS.
PAPER, HOWEVER, IN SOME INSTANCES, INTRODUCES POINTS
WHICH ROMETSCH DID NOT REPORT AND WHICH MAY, IN
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MISSION'S VIEW, BE DIFFICULT FOR IAEA TO ACCEPT. END
SUMMARY.

1. MISSION'S ANALYSIS OF PAPE QUOTED PARA 2 REFTEL
A INDICATES SOME ASPECTS WHICH WOULD MEET SOME OF
ROMETSCH'S CONCERNS REPORTED REFTEL B, IN FOLLOWING
RESPECTS:

A. SUB-PARA 4(A) OF PAPER INCLUDES ENRICHMENT PLANTS ALONG WITH REPROCESSING PLANTS IN "SENSITIVE" CATEGORY, FOR WHICH "JOINT TEAM" APPROACH WOULD BE EXPLICITLY PROPOSED.

B. PARA 5 APPEARS TO ACKNOWLEDGE (BY REFERENCE TO "THESE PROPOSALS," PRESUMABLY THOSE OUTLINED IN BOTH SUB-PARAS OF PARA /4) THAT "JOINT TEAM" APPROACH IS WITHIN THE TERMS OF EURATOM-IAEA AGREEMENT. NO REFERENCE IS MADE IN PAPER TO CONDITIN THAT IAEA CONCEDE THAT "JOINT TEAM" APPROACH GOES BEYOND TERMS OF EURATOM-IAEA AGREEMENT OR THAT USE OF SUCH APPROACH IN REPROCESSING (AND ENRICHMENT) PLANTS CANNOT BE USED AS PRECEDENT.

2. ON THE OTHER HAND, PARA 7 INCLUDES REFERENCE TO NECESSITY FOR EURATOM TO EMPHASIZE THAT IT IS NOT PREPARED TO CHANGE OR TO STRETCH ITS INTERPRETATION OF THE AGREEMENT ANY FURTHER. MEANING OF THIS STATEMENT IS UNCLEAR, BUT IF IT IS INTENDED TO MEAN THAT EURATOM'S INTERPRETATION OF AGREEMENT CONFINES USE OF "JOINT TEAM" APPROACH TO "MORE SENSITIVE INSTALLATIONS SUCH AS REPROCESSING AND ENRICHMENT PLANTS " (PER SUB-PARA 4(A)) FOR ALL TIME, IT WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE TO ROMETSCH, AS NOTED REFTEL B.

3. SUB-PARA 4(B) OF PAPER STATES THAT, UNDER PROPOSAL
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FOR LWR INSPECTION, "PRESENT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO INSPECTORATES WOULD REMAIN UNCHANGED." THIS STATEMENT CONFIRMS ROMETSCH'S OBSERVATION REPORTED REFTEL B PARA 3 THAT EURATOM INSISTS UPON INSPECTION ACTIVITIES BEING SPECIFIED TO BE CARRIED OUT IN SERIES, FIRST BY EURATOM THEN BY IAEA TO SUBSTANTIALLY LESSER EXTENT. THUS, WHILE ANNEX B REFERS TO ONE OR TWO INSPECTORS FROM EACH SIDE EING PRESENT FOR CERTAIN ACTIVITIES, THIS SHOULD PRESUMABLY NOT RPT NOT BE INTERPRETED IN THE SAME WAY (JOINT TEAM) AS DESCRIBED IN ANNEX A PARA 2 FOR REPROCESSING PLANT.

4. ANNEX B PARA 2(C) CONFIRMS REFERENCE BY ROMETSCH, REPORTED REFTEL B PARA 5, TO PROPOSAL BEING CONSIDERED TO EXTEND MINIMUM DETECTION TIME TO FOUR MONTHS FOR EURATOM AND TWELVE MONTHS BY IAEA. PARA 4 OF ANNEX B, HOWEVER, FORESEES POSSIBILITY OF CONSEQUENT REDUCTION OF IAEA INSPECTION EFFORT OF TWO MAN-

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DAYS (PER YEAR PER LWR) WHEREAS ROMETSCH FORESAW
REDUCTION OF ONLY ONE MAN-DAY. OF FAR GREATER
IMPORTANCE AND ENCOURAGEMENT, THE HIGHER FIGURES
QUOTED (14-16 AND 7-9 MAN-DAYS RESPECTIVELY) ARE
NOT RPT NOT REJECTED BY EURATOM, AS ROMETSCH
UNDERSTOOD, AS REPORTED REF B PARA 5.

5. ANNEX A OF EURATOM PAPER, OUTLINING PROPOSAL
FOR INSPECTION OF REPROCESSING PLANNT, INCLUDES SOME
DETAILS WHICH ROMETSCH DID NOT REPORT AND WHICH
MAY BE DIFFICULT FOR IAEA TO ACCEPT. FOR EXAMPLE,
PARA 3 EXCLUDES IAEA TO INSPECTORS FROM ANY

" FORMAL CONTACTS" WITH OPERATOR, ASIDE FROM
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ACCOMPANYING EURATOM "SPLKESMAN." PARA 5 SPECIFIES
THAT MEMBERS OF JOINT TEAM WILL CONSULT EACH OTHER

ABOUT THEIR RESPECTIVE INDEPENDENT CONCLUSIONS. IF
INTENT IS THAT EACH IS INFORMED OF PRELIMINARY
CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANT RATIONALE, IN ORDER TO
AVOID SURPRISES, THAT MAY BE ACCEPTABLE BUT
IAEA'S FINAL CONCLUSIONS ARE MADE AT HEADQUARTERS
IN PROCESS WHICH INVOLVES EVALUATION OF ALL
RELEVANT INFORMATION (INCLUDING COMPUTERIZED
HISTORICAL DATA, SHIPPER AND RECEIVER DATA, ETC.)

BY GROUP REPORTING DIRECTLY TO ROMETSCH. ROMETSCH
PERSONALLY SIGNS STATEMENT, WHICH GOES TO EURATOM,
AFTER HE IS SATISFIED WITH EVALUATION RESULTS.
ACCORDINGLY AS PRACTICAL MATTER, CONSULTATION

ON CONCLUSIONS WITH IAEA INSPECTORS ON JOINT TEAM AT SITE MAY BE
OF LIMITED UTILITY, EVEN IF ACCEPTABLE. STONE

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